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1. Almost all Zilistea, between Galati and Buzau, is occupied by Soviet troops. Large numbers of military buildings are still being built there.
2. About ten military barracks are being built near the cemetery at Galati. The barracks, all two-story, are very large.
3. There are Soviet troops in four barracks at Galati which were formerly occupied by Rumanian troops, and Soviet officers are billeted in almost every private house. The barracks in Strada Traian are occupied by Soviet Air Force, the barracks in Strada Braila are occupied by men of a tank squadron, and the two barracks in Strada Tecuci are occupied by infantry and artillery. At a reception held at Galati on one occasion three Soviet colonels were seen, one of whom belonged to a tank brigade. No Soviet ranks higher than colonel were observed.
4. The Soviet Commandatura¹ has its headquarters in two buildings in Calea General Bertholot, and there are a number of branch offices in various parts of the town.

1. Comment. Commandatura refers to the military government of an occupied town.

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